

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, the Examiner rejected Applicants' prior amendments stating that they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of rejected claims. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statements and request reconsideration thereof. Applicants concurrently submit a request for three-month extension and the required fee.

Applicants assert that the application is in condition for immediate allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant requests the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

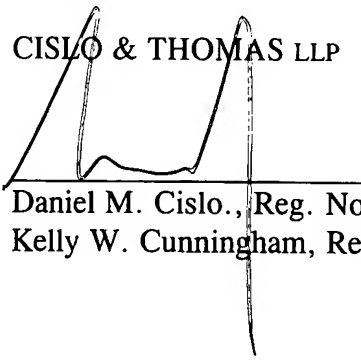
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It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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